UTMC to celebrate National Volunteer Week with luncheon

By Casey Cheap

The 2013 theme for National Volunteer Week is “Celebrating People in Action,” and The University of Toledo Medical Center will celebrate its volunteers during a luncheon.

The luncheon will be held Tuesday, April 23, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Faculty Club at The Hotel on UT’s Health Science Campus.

“National Volunteer Week celebrates ordinary people doing extraordinary things to improve communities across the nation,” said Amy Finkbeiner, UT service excellence operations manager. “During the week of April 21, we highlight the enormous contributions that volunteers make every day.”

UT Medical Center has more than 250 active volunteers serving more than 70 departments; these individuals provide an average of 4,500 hours of monthly service.

Volunteers are an important component of the hospital, Finkbeiner said, as they provide an extra dimension of care and service to patients, understand and empathize with families and visitors, provide support services for hospital and University staff, and offer research assistance in laboratories and University facilities.

The luncheon will provide volunteers with a pasta buffet and feature welcoming remarks from Dr. Jeffrey P. Gold, chancellor and executive vice president for biosciences and health affairs, and dean of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences, and Norma Tomlinson, interim executive director of UT Medical Center.

An invocation will be given by Dan Deeter, spiritual support specialist. David Cunningham, who works in the UT

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UTMC to celebrate opening of Parkinson Center, Medical Pavilion April 26

The University of Toledo Medical Center will celebrate the opening of the Gardner-McMaster Parkinson Center and the new Medical Pavilion Friday, April 26, at 10 a.m.

The Medical Pavilion, which houses the new center as well as several relocated outpatient clinics, is located between Dowling Hall and the Orthopedic Center. Named in recognition of the generous donations from the family of Findlay businessman Philip Gardner, as well as the Harold and Helen McMaster Foundation, the nearly 6,000-square-foot facility is set to be one of the leading Parkinson centers due to its team-care approach.

“This new center increases accessibility for patients, optimizes and maximizes the care provided to our patients and their families, and places them in close proximity to physical and occupational therapists, speech and language pathologists, and other health-care professionals who are also experts in Parkinson’s care,” said Dr. Lawrence Elmer, professor of neurology and medical director of the Center for Neurological Health, and a specialist in the treatment and research of Parkinson’s disease for more than 20 years.

The Parkinson’s Foundation of Northwest Ohio also raised more than $160,000 to help offset the approximately $1.35 million in renovation costs.

UTMC also is celebrating the opening of the Medical Pavilion to better serve patients and employees. In addition to the Gardner-McMaster Parkinson Center, the Medical Pavilion will house the relocated Urology, Nephrology and Transplant Clinic, the Pain Clinic, and the UTMC Outpatient Pharmacy. An additional outpatient lab draw site has been established.

“The Medical Pavilion is a beautiful new space that makes a greater number of UTMC’s outpatient services more accessible to our patients and their families,” said Olivia Dacre, who leads the coordination of UTMC’s outpatient clinics. “By making services easier to find and by making waiting areas for families and friends more comfortable, it is our hope we can remove some of the stress and confusion that can come with any visit to an advanced medical center.”

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Family of Blade reporter creates scholarship fund in his honor for UT journalists

By Jon Strunk

The family of a Blade newspaperman and former Campus Collegian editor who passed away in 2011 will honor his memory and his contributions to Toledo and to the University with the establishment of a scholarship fund.

The John N. Grigsby Memorial Scholarship Fund has been created with a gift of $110,000 from the Grigsby family and will be announced at a news conference Monday, April 22, at 10 a.m. in Carlson Library.

The endowment will provide annual scholarships for three editorial positions at The Independent Collegian, a student-run newspaper that covers The University of Toledo.

“My father was the editor of The Campus Collegian in 1935 and 1936 and always said the knowledge, experience and friendships he got from his time there were among the most rewarding of his career,” said Richard Grigsby, John N. Grigsby’s son who worked with his mother, Margaret, and the rest of the family to establish the fund.

“He graduated from UT in 1936 and got a job at The Toledo Blade the very next day. He has always had a really warm place in his heart for the Collegian and expressed a wish to help them in some way.” Grigsby said.

Dan Saevig, UT associate vice president for alumni relations, said he thought the donation was a fitting tribute to John Grigsby’s life, career and contributions to the region.

“For more than 50 years, Toledo was illuminated by John’s words and the facts and stories he brought to light,” Saevig said. “I think it is fitting that this gift will go to help pay for the educations of current students looking to follow his career path and provide the same service to UT today and other communities in the future.”

“This gift means a lot to the editorial staff that works so hard to publish an award-winning newspaper each week. It assists our students in achieving their educational goals, and it honors the memory of one of our former editors,” said J.R. Hoppenjans, chair of The Independent Collegian’s board, the Collegian Media Foundation.

In an obituary published Jan. 14, 2011, in The Blade, the newspaper’s publisher John Robinson Block said, “If there was a Pulitzer Prize for an all-around great reporter, it would have went to John Grigsby. Most of his work was done in an era before the vanity byline, but he was one of the very best reporters The Blade ever had.”

Summer semester date to remember: May 8

With summer session I beginning Monday, May 13, students are reminded to check their account information frequently to ensure a smooth transition into their course work.

“It’s a good idea for students to check their accounts frequently,” said Dr. Kaye Patten Wallace, senior vice president for the student experience. “Information updates quickly, sometimes within a few hours, so it’s best for them to check their accounts a couple times a week.”

Patten Wallace said it’s convenient and simple for students to monitor their financial information using the myUT portal. Visit myUT.toledo.edu for more information.

She offered the following tips to ease students’ transitions into summer classes:

- Use Rocket Solution Central. UT’s team of professionals will walk students through their questions.
- Call Rocket Solution Central at 419.530.8700 or go to utoledo.edu/rsc for details.
- Registration cancellation date to remember: May 8. Keeping current with financial obligations will ensure that students continue smoothly on their education paths. Be aware that on Wednesday, May 8, students who have outstanding balances of $2,000 and have not paid the Installment Payment Plan (IPP) fee and the first IPP payment for summer and previous semesters may experience registration cancellation for summer classes. This means their “seats” in classes, housing, meal plans and parking permits may no longer be available.

An outstanding balance is a student’s account balance for summer and previous terms, minus memo and authorized aid, which is eligible processed aid and scholarship funds. Summer aid request is required if students plan to use any portion of their 2013-14 financial aid for summer 2013 semesters.

For more information about registration cancellation, go to utoledo.edu/offices/treasurer.

Patience encouraged during Secor Road rebuild

Most people traveling south toward the UT campus are acutely aware of construction that began on Secor Road earlier this month.

Secor Road, a highly traveled route to campus from the north, has been reduced to one-lane traffic both north- and southbound between the I-475 interchange and Central Avenue.

According to Steve Hamilton, Secor Road project liaison, these lane restrictions will continue through the project’s targeted completion date of Nov. 1.

“Reconstruction of this extent is invariably going to cause some delays,” Hamilton said. “We’re encouraging people who normally use Secor Road to regularly conduct business there to continue to do so. Their expectations should be that it might take a little longer than usual to get to their destinations, especially during peak hours, but the delays aren’t unreasonable.”

In other words, exercise patience and plan for delays during high-traffic periods.

The $5.4 million project includes reconstruction of water lines and rebuilding of traffic lanes, evidenced by the massive craters currently lining the east side of Secor Road. This first phase of the project is expected to last through June 1. After the east side is completed, crews will embark on the same reconstruction on the west side.

“The road was deteriorating and would’ve continued to get worse,” Hamilton said. “It wasn’t a question of filling potholes. The entire structure needed reconstruction due to general deterioration.”

He noted that businesses on Secor Road will continue to be accessible even as future reconstruction closes portions of Central Avenue and the I-475 interchange ramps at Secor Road. “Our goal is to have that portion of the project completed before UT students return for fall semester in mid-August.”

“Commuters might want to explore alternate routes,” Hamilton said. He recommends Douglas Road east of Secor Road and Talmadge and Corey roads to the west.

The final phase of the project will include reconstruction of Secor Road between the I-475 interchange ramps and Monroe Street, which will begin in late summer or early fall.
Urologist to speak at two national conferences

By Courtney Ingersoll

April and May will be busy for Dr. Ajay Singla, professor and director of female pelvic medicine and reconstructive surgery in the Department of Urology at The University of Toledo Medical Center.

He is invited to give a presentation Saturday, April 27, at the National Council of Urology Conference in Mexico and another the next week in California for the American Urological Association’s Annual Meeting.

As a designated speaker representing the International Continence Society, Singla will give a lecture on “Pelvic Prolapse: Anterior and Posterior,” as well as “Slings: TOT (Transobturator Tape) vs. TVT (Tension-Free Vaginal Tape),” at the National Council of Urology event in Guadalajara, Mexico. These topics will cover use of synthetic mesh in different types of slings used in surgery to treat stress urinary incontinence in women and the surgical treatment for pelvic organ prolapse.

Singla will then travel to California to participate in the American Urological Association’s Annual Meeting Saturday through Wednesday, May 4-8, at the San Diego Convention Center, where he will speak on evaluation of male lower urinary tract symptoms. These storage or voiding symptoms that affect the lower urinary tract in men often challenge the quality of life and can lead to more serious problems of the urinary tract.

“We feel honored when we are invited to these conventions, as people who are regarded as experts in these fields are invited to provide insight and their opinion for these pelvic floor problems,” Singla said. “It also brings name and fame to the institution with this honor while providing opportunities for networking with other experts in the field and the prospect of future collaboration with other institutions.”

Along with speaking at the American Urological Association meeting, Singla will team up with faculty members from other institutions who are experts in this field to direct a post-graduate course on post-prostatectomy incontinence, which deals with the problem of loss of urinary control after prostate surgery.

Eduniversal, an international higher education ranking agency, rated the college “excellent” and included it as the only northwest Ohio business school in its list of 180 schools in North America in its fifth edition of the Best 1,000 Business Schools in 154 Countries, 2012.

Earlier this year, Eduniversal also ranked the college’s Human Resources Management Program No. 37 in North America and one of the top 200 HR master’s programs worldwide.

“This recognition by a series of prestigious publications and organizations validates what we have long known: The College of Business and Innovation is a premier provider of business education programs not only in northwest Ohio, but throughout the United States and around the world,” Sharkey said.

UT students surveyed by Businessweek for the ranking echoed that sentiment as they identified what makes the college unique. Their comments included:

• “The collaboration between local business and the college really helps students network and take part in internships.”
• “Real-life experience, great selection of professional business organizations to help you network, and plenty of knowledgeable teachers that are willing to help.”
• “They provide us with so much knowledge and skills relating to the real world — group projects, resume writing sessions, daily emails about job opportunities and scholarships, et cetera, dinner, mock interviews, sales role plays, etc. They put a lot of effort into making us successful and marketable.”
• “Our professional sales program went above and beyond. One of the major worries of students these days is finding a job after graduation. I had to turn down job offers that were being thrown at me.”
• “The UT College of Business and Innovation stands out from the rest because of how student-centered they are. The interactions they have with the students are far and beyond what they have to do. They want to prepare you in the best way possible, and they continue to do that every year.”

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At this exciting and informational forum, Captain Chatfield will address leadership challenges faced by women in today’s combat world. She will discuss the critical issues of leading and building trust in diverse workplaces along with the communication topics of respect, giving and receiving feedback. In addition, Captain Chatfield will include in her discussion the concept of improving self-knowledge and focusing on achieving results by asking for and acting on feedback. Participants will take away a personal guide to developing a Self-Knowledge Action Plan.

Captain Chatfield, a native of Sturbridge, California, holds a B.A. in International Relations and French Language and Literature from Boston University, a Masters in Public Administration from Harvard University, and a Doctor of Education from the University of San Diego. After earning her wings in 1986, she was assigned to West Coast helicopter Combat Support Squadrons and subsequently served with HC-1, HC-3, HC-11 and finally with HC-58’s Island Knight. She also served as an H-46 flight instructor and an Assistant Professor of Political Science at the United States Air Force Academy. Her personal awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, and various unit awards.

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Celebrate the planet at EarthFest 2013

By Brian Purdue

The University of Toledo continues to go green and develop as an eco-friendly institution, the 14th annual EarthFest will provide the UT community with new and innovative ideas to achieve those goals as well as provide a day of music, food and fun on campus.

On Tuesday, April 23, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Society for Environmental Education, a student-run organization, will host EarthFest 2013 on Centennial Mall on Main Campus. In the event of inclement weather, the event will take place in the Student Union Trimble Lounge.

“EarthFest is a celebration of our planet and an opportunity to remind all Rockets that blue and gold make green,” said Lauren McCafferty, a senior biology major and president of the Society for Environmental Education. “We’re trying to inform everyone about important environmental problems that our community faces and help show ways to go green and network with groups, companies and others who want to do the same.”

The free, public event will include live musical guests, as well as a number of games and contests, including a recycled art competition.

And guests can participate in several events, including a free bicycle tune-up and a “sustainable swap,” where people can trade 10 used plastic bags or bottles in exchange for a new reusable bag or bottle.

EarthFest 2013 also will include special guests with information tables about their companies and organizations, including the Toledo Zoo and Metroparks of the Toledo Area, that are working toward creating a more sustainable future. Specific organizations also will collect information for possible employment and internship opportunities. Those interested are encouraged to bring resumes.

The event is made possible in part by donations from the Division of Student Affairs and food donations from Pita Pit.

EarthFest is part of the weeklong celebration of multi-modal week in which students and faculty are encouraged to seek alternative forms of transportation such as walking, biking and public transportation.

For more information about EarthFest 2013, visit the Facebook event page or utoledo.edu/sustainability/events.html.

Alcoa Foundation donates recycling bins to UT

By Casey Cheep

A grant from the Alcoa Foundation will bring 75 new 60-gallon bins to the University of Toledo for recycling bottles and cans. The bins will be dispersed across all campuses.

“A lot of buildings have a good presence of bins already,” said Brooke Mason, UT interim sustainability specialist. “But it is a well-known fact that most people will not walk out of their way to recycle a bottle or can.”

Although there are more than 900 recycling bins on Main Campus, Mason said because of hefty recycling goals, the campus needs more bins for bottles and cans.

Part of the mission is to keep bins in consistent places to make sure there are labels on the wall or designated areas in buildings for all recyclables.

The Alcoa Foundation builds partnerships to improve the environment and educate tomorrow’s leaders for careers in manufacturing and engineering. In 2012, Alcoa contributed more than $21 million to nonprofit organizations focusing on environment and education.

Alcoa Foundation donates recycling bins to UT
University Women’s Commission recognizes employees, awards scholarships to students

Seven UT employees were honored last week for their exceptional contributions to the campus community at the 27th annual Outstanding Women’s Award ceremony.

About 80 people attended the University Women’s Commission program, which was held Wednesday in the Savage Arena Joe Grogan Room.

Receiving the Dr. Alice Skeens Outstanding Woman Award were:

• Dr. Karen Bjorkman, dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and Distinguished University Professor of Astronomy. She joined the UT faculty in 1996 and regularly gives educational talks in the community. The co-founder of the Northwest Ohio Chapter of the Association for Women in Science has received several honors, including the Cottrell Scholar Award, UT Outstanding Teacher Award and the Ohio Excellence in Education Award.

“I have interacted with Dr. Bjorkman during my tenure here at UT through many different avenues,” one nominator wrote. “She is always positive about the future of the institution and the future of women in science, and has been inspirational for me in my own career as well as the careers of other faculty women who have had the pleasure to work with her.”

• Joan Easler, equity and diversity resource specialist in the Office of Equity, Diversity and Community Engagement. She has worked at the University since 2007, first in the College of Education and then in the College of Law before her current position. She facilitates diversity workshops on campus, serves as chair of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Committee, and is a member of the United Pastor’s for Social Empowerment Community Board and the UT Culture Ambassadors.

“Through her fine efforts, the very successful Black History Month kickoff was held in the Student Union,” one nominator wrote. “Joan was the liaison who secured attendance of the Buffalo Soldiers. Her efforts also provided numerous activities on campus, including urban ballroom dancing, to help celebrate African-American culture.”

• Roberta Edgecombe, student experience coordinator in the Office for the Student Experience. For more than 20 years, the UT graduate has worked at her alma mater, where she has held several secretarial positions for college deans and vice presidents for student affairs. She also served as a program coordinator in the Office of the Dean of Students to provide support for the Office of Multicultural Student Success. Edgecombe is a committee member for the President’s Lecture Series on Diversity.

“It was an honor to serve on the Black History Month Committee during the spring semester. This service opportunity provided me a chance to meet several wonderful women whom I might otherwise never have had the chance to work with. Roberta develops programs and implements outreach activities essential for the success of UT students,” one nominator wrote.

• Dr. Mary Ellen Edwards, professor of foundations of education. Nearly two decades ago, she came to campus to be dean of the former Community and Technical College. Over the years, she has been very involved at the University, serving on the Graduate Council, Committee on Academic Personnel, Student Grievance Committee, College Prioritization Committee and the University Diversity Task Force, among others.

“It could be said truly that Dr. Edwards exhibits a feminist ethic of care or a feminist pedagogy of relationships,” a nominator noted. “However, I think it is more basic than that; Dr. Edwards thinks and acts from a commitment to helping others and contributing to a society that protects the rights of all to feel secure in their work and living situations and to be respected as individuals.”

• Marie Janes, associate lecturer in health and recreation professions. She has been a UT faculty member since 2002. Janes was hired to build the health information administration program, which was accredited in 2005. She received the College of Health Science and Human Service Dean’s Outstanding Teaching Award in 2010 and the UT Outstanding Teacher Award in 2011. She actively recruits University Women’s Commission members in efforts to provide scholarships to students.

“Her enthusiasm and dedication to the University Women’s Commission is contagious,” a nominator wrote. “I know that she has spent many, many hours to make sure that all the events are attended and enjoyed. I also have attended a couple of the presentations that Marie has done for commission programming and continued on p. 9
Associate professor helps edit anthology of medieval drama

By Samantha Watson

The genre of medieval drama is often hard to study due to its experimental nature and diversity, but it’s been made easier with publication of The Broadview Anthology of Medieval Drama.

This anthology is the first of its kind to present all included works in modern English spelling and translations for use in education. It is co-edited by Dr. Christina Fitzgerald, UT associate professor of English, and Dr. John Sebastian, associate professor of English at Loyola University New Orleans.

The dramas featured in this anthology come from the period between the 10th and 16th centuries and are presented in modernized spelling or fully translated from multiple languages such as Latin, Cornish, Welsh and French. The English works, written in the historical form of Middle English, include phrases and words no longer used that have been glossed and footnoted.

Until now, anthologies that included these works would present English plays in their original, unmodernized spelling, making them difficult to teach in a classroom setting.

“What we wanted to do with our anthology was to make it more student-friendly and make it friendlier to people in theater who do actual performances as opposed to only literary students,” Fitzgerald said.

The anthology took three years of work by Fitzgerald, Sebastian and contributing editors who wrote many of the play introductions and provided many of the translations and edited texts. Fitzgerald had been a contributing editor in previous works by the Broadview Press, and she was chosen for this anthology because of her expertise in the area.

She studies and teaches a wide range of medieval drama and literature, and enjoys the subject for a number of reasons, including its diversity of forms. One of her favorite genres outside of drama is the “dream vision,” in which poets present themselves as dreamers and relate imaginative narratives that work much like actual dreams do.

Similarly, medieval drama interests Fitzgerald because it is a genre that had to re-invent itself in the Middle Ages — making it very diverse in terms of writing and performance. Medieval dramas were written before the use of fixed stages and permanent playing places in England, so they were performed in streets, churches, great halls and other locations.

“There was a great variety of drama in the Middle Ages,” Fitzgerald said. “It’s all very different, whereas when you think about modern theater, you don’t think of it happening all over the place.”

Alpha Psi Omega to host ‘The 24 Hour Plays’ April 27

By Brian Purdue

Producing plays often takes months of collaboration among writers, actors, directors, technicians and many others in order to put on a good show. But UT students will complete the whole process in one day. Hosted by members of the Alpha Psi Omega National Theatre Honor Society, “The 24 Hour Plays” will be staged Saturday, April 27, at 8 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts Center Theatre.

At 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 26, all participating members will gather in the Center for Performing Arts and be divided into groups consisting of a writer, director and actors.

The writers will stay overnight, creating an original play that Saturday morning will be given to their corresponding director and actors, who will have until the scheduled performance time to learn and rehearse the play complete with effects, cues and props.

Alpha Psi Omega serves as a resource for students involved with the Department of Theatre and Film to have a larger voice on campus and provide supplemental access to career building opportunities, such as attending professional conferences and auditions for graduate schools.

Tickets for the shows — $3 for students and $5 for the general public — will be available at the door. Proceeds will benefit Alpha Psi Omega.
University Studies Abroad Consortium Germany resident director to visit UT April 24

By Cathy Zimmer

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend a 30-minute study abroad information session Wednesday, April 24, at 3:15 p.m. in Memorial Field House Room 2420.

The information session will focus on the University Studies Abroad Consortium’s program in Lüneburg, Germany. A reception will follow the presentation.

Sören Köppen is the Lüneburg resident director who is responsible for the overall operations of the program abroad: securing appropriate student housing, hiring faculty, organizing field trips and optional tours, and overseeing students’ general well-being.

A native of Northern Germany, Köppen is a seven-year veteran of the University Studies Abroad Consortium. He earned his master’s degree in economics and social sciences.

The Lüneburg program offers field studies, internships and volunteer opportunities. Study abroad exchanges can be during the summer sessions, for a semester or a year.

Lüneburg in the German state of Niedersachsen offers an opportunity to live in the beauty and history of a city dating back more than a thousand years. For several centuries, Lüneburg was one of the wealthiest towns in Germany. Magnificent buildings, townhouses and fortifications with triple ramparts were built, as well as a moat, watchtowers and town gates.

“Sören also will be presenting in five German language and cultural classes throughout the day,” said Michele Ploeger, international education specialist in UT’s Center for International Studies and Programs. “He also will join UT’s Kaffeestunde, a German conversation group, for lunch.”

University Studies Abroad Consortium has 41 study abroad program locations in 26 countries.

The Center for International Studies and Programs supports internationalization efforts at UT by creating links among students, faculty and staff, visiting scholars, and the community that foster cross-cultural understanding and appreciation. The center encourages global citizenship through innovative educational, cultural and service-learning programming and through student and scholar exchanges.

To learn more on studying abroad, visit utoledo.edu/cisp or call 419.530.5268.

Summer leaves/voluntary reduction in hours programs available

The University of Toledo again will offer voluntary summer leaves and reduced work schedules to eligible employees.

Starting in May, academic employees on Health Science Campus and all Main Campus employees can take advantage of programs allowing voluntary, unpaid leaves of absence and reduction in work hours.

The programs are available to staff whose departments typically experience lower workloads during the summer months of May through August. The options allow employees to rejuvenate and spend extra time with their families while helping reduce UT’s labor costs.

Employees are eligible for these programs only with the approvals of their department managers, based on business needs.

Request forms and details regarding changes in benefits, sick and vacation time accruals and retirement contributions, among others, are explained in the Summer Leave/Voluntary Reduction in Work Hours Program Outline, which is available on the Human Resources and Talent Development website in the Employee Toolkit at utoledo.edu/depts/hr/employeetoolkit.html.

Questions may be directed to Human Resources at 419.530.4747.
Gateway to celebrate grand opening April 27

Check out Gateway at The University of Toledo this weekend during a grand opening event.

The celebration will be Saturday, April 27, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with free family activities as well as discounts at the shops and restaurants in the development.

“Gateway is a community gathering place that is easily accessible for all while promoting a college town atmosphere,” said Matt Schroeder, vice president for real estate and business development at the UT Foundation. “Saturday’s event will showcase this design principle and facilitate ongoing interaction between the community and UT family.”

Gateway celebrated a ribbon-cutting event in September and is hosting this grand opening to invite the community to see the dining, shopping and entertainment this retail center has to offer. The development includes Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Great Clips and Wireless Zone shops, as well as Gradkowski’s, Jimmy John’s, Rice Blvd, Yogurt U and Starbucks restaurants.

At the grand opening, families can see UT mascots Rocky and Rocksly and there’ll be inflatable attractions, including an obstacle course, as well as face painting and caricature artists, and T-shirt giveaways. Batman and Spiderman also will be on hand at Barnes & Noble for photos and story time with children. The bookstore will offer discounts, including 20 percent off UT clothing and gift items, and 15 percent off one general reading or reference book and 20 percent off two or more. The Café will have specials as well, including $1 coffee, $1 kids’ cookies, and buy one, get one deals on muffins and cupcakes.

Gradkowski’s will offer 25 percent off, and YogurtU will provide free samples as well as $1 off yogurt more than $3. And Great Clips will have $5.99 haircuts and 25 percent off all products.

The April 27 celebration will coincide with the Glass City Marathon’s expo when race participants come to campus to receive their running materials.

Gateway businesses also are enticing marathoners to stop by following the Sunday, April 28, race for additional discounts offered by select retailers.

In addition to the community events this weekend, businesses in the Gateway have been encouraging UT students, faculty and staff to stop by and take advantage of deals directly offered to them.

Gradkowski’s offers students a 25 percent discount on Mondays when they show their Rocket Cards, and the restaurant started weekday happy hour specials with 50 percent off appetizers and 25 percent off drinks between 3 and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The daily UT Update email received by students, faculty and staff also includes special offers and coupons for Gateway businesses in the right-hand column.

For more information about Gateway at The University of Toledo, visit gatewaytoledo.com or its Facebook page at facebook.com/gatewaytoytol.

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have enjoyed her knowledge of the medical records world.”

- Dr. Susan Telljohann, professor of health education. She joined the UT faculty in 1987. During her more than 30 years in health education, Telljohann has conducted research and published more than 60 papers and co-wrote Health Education: Elementary and Middle Level School Applications. She has received several honors, including the Howe Award from the American School Health Association, the Scholar Award from the American Association of Health Education and the UT Outstanding Teacher Award.

“Some of the attributes that Dr. Telljohann are most known for are her positive attitude, exceptional teaching, student centeredness and the countless hours she dedicates to mentoring undergraduate students and modeling what it takes to be a health educator,” one nominator wrote. “She actively engages students to attend national conferences, assists with leadership development, and advises research projects.”

- Kathleen Walsh, director of web Creative Instruction. In her position, she provides leadership, management and coordination of strategic online initiatives. Walsh joined the former MCO staff in 2000. She is involved in the American Cancer Society, Victory Center, Special Spaces Toledo and All Saints Catholic School. In addition, the UT alumna serves on the Jefferson Awards Committee.

“Kathleen Walsh has done so much for the University Women’s Commission, especially at our fall membership drive, where she gave a motivational presentation to the attendees. Her spirit for life is contagious,” one nominator wrote. “She’s a woman you think you’ve known for your whole life, even if it’s your very first time meeting her.”

The University Women’s Commission also presented $1,000 scholarships to two students. Receiving awards based on academic achievement, support of women’s and gender issues, and campus and community involvement were Alissa Ciaccelli, a student in the Judith Herb College of Education, Health Science and Human Service, and Kayla Wrasman, a student in the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

UT employees may schedule graduate photos

Faculty and staff or members of their families who will graduate from UT this semester may contact the University Communications Office if they wish to have a photo taken and published in UT News. Call Laurie Flowers at 419.530.2002 to schedule an appointment before Friday, May 10. Photos will appear in an upcoming issue of the paper.

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Nationally esteemed doctor to visit UT for lecture, book signing April 23

By Brian Purdue

Can simple changes in diet prevent memory loss, stroke and Alzheimer’s disease? In his recently released book, Power Foods for the Brain, nationally recognized physician Dr. Neal Barnard says they can, and he is coming to The University of Toledo to explain how.

Barnard

Student organizations from the UT Health Science Campus will host a free, public lecture and book signing Tuesday, April 23, at 7 p.m. in Collier Building Room 1000B.

In the book, Barnard identifies top power foods and dozens of other brain-trigger foods and offers tips and insights on how to build brain health. It includes 75 power food recipes, sample mental stimulation exercises, guides to choosing aluminum-free foods and medicines, and a physical exercise guide.

Barnard has written dozens of publications in scientific and medical journals, as well as numerous nutrition books. He is a frequent guest on news programs to discuss issues related to nutrition, medical research and controversial areas in modern medicine. He also has been featured in the documentaries “Forks Over Knives” and “Supersize Me.”

He received his MD and completed his residency at the George Washington University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C. After practicing at St. Vincent’s Hospital in New York, he returned to Washington and in 1985 founded the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, which has grown into a nationwide group of doctors and supporters that promotes preventive medicine and addresses controversies in modern medicine.

The student organizations hosting Barnard are the Geriatrics Club, Chef Med, Student Interest Group in Neurology and Neurosciences, and the Student Wellness Organization.

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All clinics operate Monday through Friday:
- Gardner-McMaster Parkinson Center — by appointment only — 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., 419.383.7705.
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- Nephrology/Renal Transplant Clinic — by appointment only — 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 419.383.5288.
- Pain Clinic — by appointment only — 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 419.383.5000.
- Outpatient Lab — no appointment necessary — 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., 419.383.5293.
- Outpatient Pharmacy — 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., 419.383.3750.

In memoriam

James J. Demski, Sylvania, a former chef who worked in Carter Hall, died March 24 at age 67.

Joseph J. Kielczewski, Toledo, director of information technology in the College of Business and Innovation, died April 15 at age 67. He joined the UT staff in 1993.

Betty Payton, Toledo, a retired UT Medical Center food service worker, died April 4 at age 82.

Johanna Nakashima got her SWAG at The University of Toledo!

For the next two weeks, post creative pictures, videos and messages of you and your friends graduating.

The winners of the best post will receive a SWAG BAG full of UT gear.

Go to facebook.com/groups/utswag and @utswag to submit your pictures and posts/videos that show how important graduating is to being successful.

UT to host Exceptional Extravaganza for students with disabilities

By Casey Cheap

Toledo area high school students will team up with The University of Toledo for the Exceptional Extravaganza, a social event for students with disabilities.

The Exceptional Extravaganza, known as ExEx 2013, will take place Wednesday, April 24, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Student Union Ingman Room.

The annual event originated in 2006 when a Washington Local School District teacher noticed many of her students with significant needs were not able to participate in several typical spring social events, such as prom.

The 2013 event will include corn hole, basketball, arts and crafts tables, music, a DJ, and pizza for students. Special guests will include the Blue Crew and Rocky.

About 60 high school students from Toledo Public Schools, Sylvania Schools and Springfield Local Schools will participate, said Dr. Patricia Devlin, associate professor of special education and coordinator for ExEx 2013.

“This is an event that touches the lives of many high school students with significant disabilities in the Toledo area,” Devlin said.

The UT School of Interprofessional Teaching is the main sponsor of ExEx 2013, along with the Department of Early Childhood, Physical and Special Education in the Judith Herb College of Education.

The mission of the school is to prepare and guide professionals to engage in collaborative best practices and service to individuals with special needs and their families. The school receives support from the Herb endowment.

Student organizations involved include the Council for Exceptional Children, Kappa Delta Pi, Disability Studies Student Organization, Alpha Xi Delta, Pi Kappa Phi, Project SEARCH and Toledo Transition.

“It has been an exciting planning experience giving UT students from various disciplines the chance to share their expertise in serving this population of students,” Devlin said.
FEATURING:

David Hunke, Digerati

David Hunke, former president and publisher of USA Today, now chief strategy officer at Digerati, will present the keynote address. Hear how he and his team at USA Today helped to transform the brand of one of the nation's most popular newspapers from a print publication to a digital giant.

Ben Bator, TextsFromLastNight

Ben Bator is the co-founder of TextsFromLastNight.com (TFLN.com). In other words, he turned down a law scholarship to read text messages for a living. He lives, works and texts in Detroit. The website posts random messages from all over.

ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS:

TechCrunch, Matt Burns
GiveForward, Anthony Broad-Crawford
Job and Family Services, Hayley Call
Classana, Will Lucas
Thread, Joe Sharp
The Brandery, Mike Bott
UPSO.org, Dustin Hostetler
McGraw Hill, Jim Connely
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NEWLY ADDED SPEAKER:

Fuiter Hong, Google

Don't miss the “uHeart Startups Pitch & Pour After Party!” 4-7 p.m.
Come hear pitches and enjoy cocktails and hors d’oeuvres with some of the area’s coolest tech startups.

PARTNERS:
Golf scramble to help medical students assist less fortunate

By Samantha Watson

With the opportunity to go on medical mission trips, students can gain educational, cultural and emotional experiences they will never receive in a classroom.

On Saturday, May 4, Students for Medical Missions will host the third annual SewHope Golf Scramble fundraiser to provide scholarships for UT students going on medical missions. The scramble will begin at 9 a.m. at the Bedford Hills Golf Club, 6400 Jackman Road in Temperance, Mich.

Students for Medical Missions focuses on taking an active role in providing health care and education to underserved populations. In the past, students have taken medical mission trips to Guatemala, Honduras, Haiti, Tanzania, Philippines and Indonesia.

Medical students focus on classroom education during their first two years, but in their third year they begin clinical education. Mission trips allow them to apply their knowledge and learn hands-on what health care is like.

“In the first two years, we spend a majority of time learning about science in a lecture hall,” said Akiko Komura, a first-year UT medical student and co-fundraiser for Students for Medical Missions. “On these mission trips, you get to see and do things hands-on and apply the knowledge gained in the classroom.”

Those who register for the golf scramble will have unlimited access to the driving range, paid green fees and use of a golf cart. After the scramble, there will be a luncheon, door prizes and participation gifts.

Registration is $60 each for students and $85 each for community members, with teams for a four-person scramble. To register, go to http://sewhopegolfschramble.com by Saturday, April 27.

This event is sponsored by SewHope, a nonprofit organization that serves an area of extreme poverty in a region of northern Guatemala, which is one of the highest levels of child and maternal mortality, malnutrition and illiteracy in the world.

In the past, proceeds have gone directly to SewHope for missions in Guatemala. This year, SewHope is helping plan the event and provide resources, but proceeds will go to scholarships for UT medical students going on missions.

For more information or to register, visit http://sewhopegolfschramble.com. For questions, contact utsewhopegolf@gmail.com.

Women’s basketball reception set for April 28

By Brian DeBenedictis

The University of Toledo women’s basketball program will hold its annual postseason reception Sunday, April 28, on the main floor in Savage Arena.

The event will start at 3 p.m. and include viewing of the season-highlight video, presentation of player awards and dessert. It is open to the public and costs $5 per person.

The Rockets are coming off a record-setting 2012-13 campaign that saw the Midnight Blue and Gold capture their second Mid-American Conference Regular-Season Championship in the last three seasons.

UT finished with a 29-4 overall ledger and a 15-1 mark in the league, equaling the school record for victories. UT also earned its fourth straight appearance in the WNIT, advancing to the Sweet 16 for a third consecutive year.

RSVPs are requested by Wednesday, April 24, to attend the event.

To make a reservation or for more information, contact Katie DeBenedictis, coordinator of women’s basketball, at 419.530.2363 or email katie.debenedictis@utoledo.edu.

Rockets Annual Reverse Raffle and Auction slated for May 18

By Paul Helgren

The University of Toledo Athletic Department’s annual Reverse Raffle and Auction Fundraiser will be held Saturday, May 18, at Savage Arena.

The Reverse Raffle is a night of fun, food and games. A limit of 350 tickets at $125 each are sold for the event. Each ticket admits the purchaser and one guest to the event and provides the opportunity to win the $7,500 grand prize or one of many cash prizes or gift items.

Buffet grazing stations, as well as snacks and beverages, will be available throughout the night. In addition, each purchaser of a Reverse Raffle ticket will receive six coupons good for six tickets to UT home football games at the Glass Bowl (a $170 value).

The Athletic Department also is seeking donations for prizes and auction items. Gift or service donations of all levels are helpful, from smaller prizes for “10th Ticket” winners, to larger items that are used for the silent or live auctions.

For more information, call the Athletic Development Office at 419.530.4183 or go to utrockets.com.

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